

## **Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update** **(as of September 30, 2010)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 113,193 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 106,653.
- Seventy percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 40. Currently thirty-two patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-six percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 24 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-five percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition).
- More than 1,100 different physicians have signed for patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$90, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007.

Table I: County Information

County	Number of Patients	Percent of Patients
Adams	7,716	7%
Alamosa	235	<1%
Arapahoe	9,562	9%
Archuleta	335	<1%
Baca	56	<1%
Bent	33	<1%
Boulder	9,940	9%
Broomfield	1,046	1%
Chaffee	462	<1%
Cheyenne	21	<1%
Clear Creek	416	<1%
Conejos	89	<1%
Costilla	98	<1%
Crowley	53	<1%
Custer	66	<1%
Delta	671	1%
Denver	15,888	15%
Dolores	69	<1%

Douglas	3,593	3%
Eagle	1,478	1%
El Paso	10,624	10%
Elbert	364	<1%
Fremont	894	1%
Garfield	1,712	2%
Gilpin	381	<1%
Grand	409	<1%
Gunnison	524	<1%
Hinsdale	19	<1%
Huerfano	152	<1%
Jackson	16	<1%
Jefferson	12,495	12%
Kiowa	4	<1%
Kit Carson	41	<1%
La Plata	1,423	1%
Lake	292	<1%
Larimer	8,006	8%
Las Animas	196	<1%
Lincoln	27	<1%
Logan	191	<1%
Mesa	2,998	3%
Mineral	12	<1%
Moffat	179	<1%
Montezuma	576	1%
Montrose	703	1%
Morgan	175	<1%
Otero	147	<1%
Ouray	138	<1%
Park	824	1%
Phillips	31	<1%
Pitkin	781	1%
Prowers	68	<1%
Pueblo	1,905	2%
Rio Blanco	54	<1%
Rio Grande	138	<1%
Routt	898	1%
Saguache	190	<1%
San Juan	28	<1%
San Miguel	552	1%
Sedgwick	20	<1%
Summit	1,379	1%
Teller	832	1%
Washington	45	<1%
Weld	4,129	4%
Yuma	55	<1%

\* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

<b>Reported Condition</b>	<b>Number of Patients Reporting Condition</b>	<b>Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**</b>
Cachexia	1,294	1%
Cancer	2,084	2%
Glaucoma	939	1%
HIV/AIDS	553	1%
Muscle Spasms	25,078	24%
Seizures	1,478	1%
Severe Pain	100,546	94%
Severe Nausea	13,614	13%

\*\*Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent on Registry</b>	<b>Average Age**</b>
Male	70%	39
Female	30%	42

\*\* The overall average age of all patients is 40 years old.